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SUBJECT: BLACKFLY RESEARCH TEAM

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1. ARMY MEDICAL RESEARCH TEAM CONSISTING OF COL. EUGENE GERBERG (ARMY RESERVE), MAJ. BERNARD SCHIEFER,, CPT. ROBERT VAVRA, AND CPT. ROBERT FROMMER WILL ARRIVE SAN JOSE 1545 HOURS 29 JANUARY 1975, ON FLIGHT 621, LACSA AIRLINES. THE TEAM ANTICIPATES REMAINING IN SAN JOSE ABOUT 14 DAYS.
2. THE TEAM CHIEF, MAJ. SCHIEFER, HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT THE MILGP COMMANDER ON ARRIVAL. TEAM IS PREPARED TO BRIEF INTERESTED AMEMBASSY PERSONNEL ON PROJECT. NO CONTACT WILL BE MADE WITH DR. VARGAS OR ANY OTHER COSTA RICAN NATIONAL PRIOR TO REPORTING TO THE EMBASSY. THE TEAM WILL ARRIVE IN, AND CONTINUE TO USE, CIVILIAN CLOTHING DURING THEIR STAY. FURTHER, THEY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THEY VISIT ANY UNIVERSITY. KISSINGER

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